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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2004, please consider the following:
follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.